

REMARKS

Newly introduced Claims 19 and 20 are directed to more restricted scopes of respectively Claims 7 and 8, both presently cancelled. New Claims 21 and 22 are directed to more restricted scopes of respectively Claims 9 and 11, both presently cancelled.

The invention is directed to making articles by thermoforming. The method entails using a reinforced molding composition the resinous component of which is one or more of (co)polyamide 6 and (co)polyamide 66. The composition is further characterized by a viscosity parameter.

The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Onishi et al., U.S. Patent 5,674,952 (Onishi).

Onishi disclosed a blow molding process that entails a "polyamide blow molded product". The blow molding process does not describe "thermoforming", a key characteristic of the present claims. See Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, Kirk-Othmer, Volume 9, Fourth Edition, pages 528-530 (copy enclosed). As such Onishi cannot validly be said to anticipate the claims as presently amended.

The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sayed et al., U.S. Patent 5,605,945 (Sayed).

Sayed disclosed a polyamide compound having high viscosity. There is nothing in the document to describe the presently claimed method that requires thermoforming as a process step. Sayed cannot validly be said to anticipate the claims as presently amended.

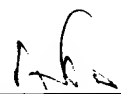
The reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendment and the remarks above are requested.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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